

strately in the middle of an Irish song. "The President" was coming was the cry, and he was frantically applauded as he passed the barriers and was carried down Whitehall.

To-night both sides are jubilantly optimistic and diplomatically guard against saying anything that might jeopardize the possibility of conciliation. Around the Grosvenor Hotel, where the Irish delegation is staying, the reticence is carefully maintained. It is generally understood that the long conversation was marked by cordiality, not at all marred by the candor with which the two viewpoints were presented. The two participants were satisfied and able to assure their colleagues that there were substantial grounds for hope of an ultimate settlement.

Because of De Valera's accountability to the Dail Eireann for commitments made in behalf of southern Ireland, it is learned, he was unable to give unqualified replies to some of the Premier's propositions. But both were alive to danger when the conversation bordered on issues regarded as irreconcilable, and there was consequently no time when a rupture was imminent.

Mr. De Valera and his friends positively refused even to gossip—and they are Irishmen—after the meeting. One of the two men who accompanied Mr. De Valera to the conference, but did not participate in it, said: "We are satisfied with the results of the initial conference."

Despite their failure to talk to-night, the Irish delegation dined almost hilariously, just as hilariously as the Coalition Liberals dined with Lloyd George.

## ARMORED CARS FAIL TO STOP BELFAST DUEL

Sniping Throughout Day Develops Into Sharp Fight.

By the Associated Press.

BELFAST, July 14.—A fierce gun duel was fought in the York street and North Queen street today. Sniping which began this morning continued almost throughout the entire day, developing early this evening into sharp fighting in which the police and military were obliged to take a hand. Several civilians were wounded.

After 7 o'clock the police and military in armored cars were virtually powerless to cope with the shooting. Streets were closed to traffic, and military service was suspended and only motor cars carrying people on most urgent business ventured on the streets. These were the precaution of travelling at top speed.

Ambulance workers were kept busy taking wounded persons to hospitals. Among those wounded was William Grant, labor union leader, who was shot in the chest. A British military officer was reported shot.

The rioting ceased suddenly at the close of the day. The military regiment stationed at Hollywood, near Belfast, is to be transferred to the city tomorrow to help in dealing with any further disorders.

Alderman Michael Staines, member of the British House of Commons for Dublin, who was released from Mountjoy prison on June 30, arrived in Galway yesterday. As a commander in the Irish Republican Army, Staines headed Divisional Commissioner Cruise a document from the authorities in Dublin Castle authorizing him to act as liaison officer to ensure observance of the truce.

## GREEKS' DAILY ADVANCE 21 MILES, SAYS ATHENS

Turks Tell of Battle Southeast of Brussa.

ATHENS, July 14.—The Greeks in their offensive against the Turkish Nationalists are making an average advance of about 21 miles a day, says an official statement on the operations issued today. The Nationalists are retreating on strong positions to the northwest of Eski-Shehr and southwest of Kutala, the statement adds.

By the Associated Press.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 14.—Turkish Nationalists and Greek forces are locked in battle before Kutala, about seventy-five miles southeast of Brussa. The Nationalist forces consist of the Third Turkish Army Corps, which recently received reinforcements from the Armenian front. A Nationalist official statement declares the Greeks are holding a line running southward from Yenishahr, a village situated near the northern branch of the Bagdad Railway. The Greeks are said to be advancing with four divisions.

## BERLIN SHELVES PLAN FOR CABLE TO AMERICA

Will Await Action of Communication Conference.

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Berlin, July 14.—Negotiations between American business groups and the German Post Office regarding the construction of a direct German-American cable have been broken off due to difficulties raised by the German officials.

By the Associated Press.

Berlin, July 14.—The German Government does not intend to anticipate the decisions of the International Communications Conference in Washington, says an official statement issued by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs as a denial of rumors that official discussions were going on with representatives of American cable and wireless companies relative to direct communication lines. Representatives of American cable and wireless companies who had been informal callers at the Ministry were told the German Government would postpone all consideration of direct communication lines until the conference in Washington had reached definite results.

## SPANIARDS EXPECT NO RESULT FROM PARLEY

Madrid Paper Calls Disarmament Scheme Utopian.

MADRID, July 14.—Commenting on President Harding's proposal for a disarmament conference the *Sol* says the present moment does not seem to be a propitious one for it.

"The various Governments are diverting themselves with utopian schemes for disarmament, just the same as before the war," it argues, "while each is trying to obtain supremacy on sea and land."

"The first action of President Harding when he came into power," the *Sol* continues, "was to take away authority from the League of Nations, which, whatever may be said, was the only international organization containing the germ of possible agreement. We do not expect any other result from the Washington conference than that obtained from the conference of a similar kind held before the war."

## AUSTRIA SUBSIDIZES CHURCH.

VIENNA, July 13.—In the stormiest session since its inauguration the National Assembly passed the second reading of the bill placing Catholic clergy, monks and nuns on the list of state employees and servants on the salaries of civil list.

The sergeants-at-arms were compelled to form a line between the Right and Left to prevent violence.

## VALERA TO ACCEPT OFFER, IRISH BELIEF

Lloyd George Expected to Go Limit After Refusing to Grant Republic.

## FINANCE IS BIG PROBLEM

Fiscal Policy Must Be Broadened to Meet Sinn Fein or Break Would Be Likely.

By the Associated Press.

DUBLIN, July 14.—The great majority of the Irish people appear to entertain no doubt that at the informal conference in London, Eamon de Valera will assert Ireland's claim to a republic, based upon the people's decision at the elections. When the British Prime Minister, Lloyd George, as is expected here, replies that a republic never will be granted, it is predicted he will follow this reply with an offer of the most that can be conceded.

Everything, it is considered here, depends upon the nature of that offer. If it is big enough there will be formal conferences to settle the details. The impression gathered by conversations in responsible Irish quarters here is that Mr. De Valera will be able to accept what he will be offered. He will keep in touch with Irish opinion and, though it is believed, he will maintain the republican principle he is expected to offer to the Irish people the determination as to whether the warfare shall be carried on or a settlement accepted.

## Finance Crucial Question.

The crux of the situation as it is viewed here is finance. The Irish virtually are unanimous that no system can be called self-government that withholds from Ireland control of its own money to collect, spend and to impose taxation as it pleases. Under the Home Rule act this is done by British authority, the Imperial Treasury refunding Ireland the sums collected minus \$18,000,000 a year, Ireland's contribution to the reserve services.

The intention was to maintain one fiscal policy for the United Kingdom and to prevent differentiation between taxation in Ireland and Great Britain; for example, British manufacturers do not want to compete with Irish manufacturers whose income tax would be possibly one-third that of the British. The concession of fiscal independence as complete as in the case of the Dominions would be a great advance on any previous offer to any Irish leader, and many express the opinion that Mr. De Valera may consider it he gets that, the rest of the problem may be left to settle itself.

Even so the important question would remain if any contribution could be claimed from Ireland toward the cost of a war, the army, navy and other imperial services, and the amount of such contributions. The Dominions do not make contributions of this sort and Ireland's claim to a similar exemption would be pressed.

## Ulster Issue Involved.

The Ulster question is linked up with that of finance and might, it is thought in some quarters, be eventually settled through it. Three forms of financial autonomy have been suggested: The first to be given Ireland as a unit, exercisable through a joint Irish Parliament connecting the Northern and Southern Parliaments; the second to be given both Parliaments and exercisable separately, enabling fiscal policies applicable, if thought fit, against each other; the third to be given the Southern Parliament alone, leaving the Northern Parliament within the British fiscal system.

Of these alternatives, the Sinn Fein, it is asserted, would prefer the first, and might even find the third tolerable. On the other hand, the Northern Parliament, it is conceded, would certainly prefer the second, and the question is, as southern Ireland view it, whether Ulster's influence on British politics remains sufficiently strong to get its wishes, even at the cost of rupturing the negotiations. There is declared to be no disposition on the part of the Sinn Fein to diminish the local autonomy granted the six counties of northern Ireland under the Home Rule Act, and it is believed here it would be easy to devise a system for greatly increasing the local powers of those counties while preserving the unity of Ireland.

Unless Mr. Lloyd George's financial terms differ widely from any previously contemplated, it is predicted in well informed quarters here that the negotiations probably will break down.

## JAPAN'S FAR EAST SILENCE FAILS TO CAUSE ANXIETY

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tion, with their corps of experts, it is anticipated there will be a sprinkling of delegates from countries wishing closer recognition from the great Powers. Lithuania and the other border countries carved out of Russia are expected to have representatives here during the conference. The city also is likely to fill with persons socially ambitious. French Embassy officials maintained complete silence to-night concerning the reasons for the delayed departure of Ambassador Jusserand after his baggage was aboard a steamship which sailed from New York to-day. It is believed here that the change in his plans for a vacation in France was due to instructions received by the Ambassador from his Government relative to the preparations for the international disarmament conference.

## FRENCH HERE HOLD BASTILLE HOLIDAY

Variety of Celebrations Mark 132d Anniversary of Its Fall.

Yesterday's 132d anniversary of the fall of the Bastille was a holiday for all Frenchmen within the borders of New York city. Places of business were closed and proprietors and employees joined in celebrating France's great national fête. The day and night were filled with a variety of celebrations, starting with a reception by Gaston Liebert, French Consul-General, in the consulate, 11 East Fortieth street, and closing with patriotic demonstrations in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory and the Manhattan Casino, in Manhattan, and with dances and banquets in Brooklyn and Staten Island.

As in preceding years, Mr. Liebert welcomed at the consulate between noon and 1 o'clock his New York compatriots and also foreign and American friends. The reception was not, as Mr. Liebert jokingly called it, "A very dry proceeding and quite different from our receptions here in former years." The British and Polish Consul-Generals called as well as large delegations from local French and Franco-American societies. Mr. Liebert's callers also included a delegation of Syrians as well as Dr. Barbour, president of the Boistrot Society in New York, who presented to the Consul-General a tricolor floral standard.

While the reception was in progress, Lieut. Guenet of the consulate staff was in Cypress Hills Cemetery, as representative of Mr. Liebert, at cremations at the monument erected last year to the memory of twenty-eight French sailors who died in New York during the war.

Members of various French societies in Brooklyn had a ball in that borough last night and a member of the consulate staff represented Mr. Liebert there. Frenchmen and the friends of France in Staten Island had a banquet at the home of Mrs. Van Der Ecker of the consulate staff journeyed across the bay to represent Mr. Liebert there. Mr. Liebert attended the demonstration at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory and in the Manhattan Casino.

## ALL FRANCE REJOICES ON NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Dancing Is Main Feature of Simple Ceremonies.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, July 14.—The anniversary of the fall of the Bastille, France's national holiday, was celebrated to-day with the simplicity which marked the ceremonies before the war. Dancing was the main feature, more than 600 public balls being given in open spaces, where the old and young danced to simple folk songs played by 5,000 musicians. A slight breeze and occasional cloudiness lessened the intense heat.

Parisians had a military review after all. It was provided for by a Senegalese regiment at its own request, in the Bois de Vincennes. After manoeuvring for two hours, barely noticing the heat, the soldiers expressed the opinion that the hot weather which Paris is experiencing at present would be considered balmy in Senegal.

President Millerand entertained at Elysee Palace at noon all the Marshals of France, with the exception of Marshal Lyautey, who is absent in Morocco, and the Admirals of the fleet.

It was recalled that three years ago to-morrow morning the Germans launched their last futile attempt to break the allied lines and reach Paris. They crossed the Marne and at Chateau-Thierry the American machine guns held up their advance.

## FOREIGN RELATIONS COUNCIL LAUNCHED

G. W. Wickersham, F. L. Polk and Paul M. Warburg Among the Incorporators.

Supreme Court Justice Finch gave approval yesterday to the incorporation of the Council of Foreign Relations, the petitioners for which were George W. Wickersham, Frank L. Polk, Paul M. Warburg, Stephen P. Duggan, Lindsay Russell and Edwin F. Gay. The petition states that the council is "to afford a continuous conference on international questions affecting the United States by bringing together the experts in statecraft, finance, industry, education and science."

Other aims shown in the petition are "to create and stimulate international thought and to cooperate with the Government of the United States and with international agencies in coordinating international activities, by eliminating as far as possible duplication of effort, creating new bodies and employing such other and further means from time to time as may seem just and proper."

Outside of the individual petitioners the papers mentioned the following men as among the petitioning body: Elihu Root, T. Coleman du Pont, Paul D. Cravath, Oscar S. Straus, William R. Shepard, A. W. Taylor, Hamilton Holt, William Fellows Morgan, J. H. Post, Abram I. Elkus, James W. Gerard, James S. Alexander, Charles R. Sabin, Mortimer L. Schiff, Otto H. Kahn, Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, Frank N. Doubleday, Russell Doubleday, Frederic R. Doudet, S. Provost Mallet, George M. Pynchon, William Butterworth, Roger William Riss, Henry L. Stimson and Dr. Albert Shaw.

Mr. Wickersham refused to give further details about the organization that was being formed, but said that a full statement will be issued later, he said.

## LEGION HEAD TO FRANCE.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 14.—John G. Emery, national commander of the American Legion, announced to-day that he will head the delegation of 250 legionnaires who are to visit France this summer.

## CRIMEA A SOVIET REPUBLIC.

RUSSIA, Letvia, July 14.—The Crimea has proclaimed itself an autonomous Soviet Republic, according to a Moscow wireless message.

## JAPAN SEES CRISIS IN HARDING PLANS

Move Will Have Momentous Effect on Her Role in Far East.

By the Associated Press.

TOKIO, Tuesday, July 12.—President Harding's suggestion for a conference at Washington has been officially received and was lengthily deliberated upon to-day by the Cabinet.

(Since the filing of this dispatch Japan's acceptance of President Harding's suggestion for a conference has been received at Washington, no reference being made, however, to Far Eastern questions.)

The entire empire from the highest officials to the humblest citizen, has been prepared for months for such a move, which everybody recognizes is destined to have a momentous effect on the future of the Far East and the role Japan is destined to play therein.

Every difficulty Japanese statesmen are apt to find in attempting to fix the scope of Japan's political activities in the future in the Far East is put forward here to explain the apprehension created by the second part of President Harding's suggestion, namely, that the armament conference should logically include a discussion of general Far Eastern problems.

Japanese officials decline to discuss the matter, but the correspondent is informed that while Japan heartily welcomes the armament deliberations, the belief prevails that the suggestion of a conference on politics in the Far East is one requiring the most careful consideration on the part of Japan.

It is pointed out, for example, that the status of Japanese in America is an important question to Japan, which might like to know whether it is included in the suggested discussion. It is evident, however, that Japan considers armament as the fundamental subject of the proposed conference, and this she is ready to discuss.

The Conservative *Jiji Shimpou*, which is a pioneer in the campaign for an armament agreement, calls President Harding's initiative the greatest possible blessing to the nations of the world.

Admiral Kato, Minister of Marine, to the Associated Press at Tokio in March, says the paper, "Japan will welcome participation and do her best to act in concert with the Powers."

The *Asahi* thinks the time has now arrived for Japan to settle her account in the Far East. It fears that without assistance Japan will be isolated and says she undoubtedly is facing the greatest crisis since the Russo-Japanese war.

The newspapers find difficulty in understanding the real meaning of the Japanese-British notification to the League of Nations that the Anglo-Japanese alliance will be interpreted in accordance with the covenant of the league.

The *Kokumin Shimbun* expresses the opinion that virtually it means the alliance is no longer effective as a military pact.

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## BRIAND LAYS PLANS FOR HIS TRIP TO U. S.

French Premier Coming to Conference at Washington Without Fail.

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Paris, July 14.—Premier Briand's personal eagerness to attend the Washington conference on the subject of disarmament is such that it is now likely that he will go regardless of the plans of Premier Lloyd George.

The projected voyage of the French Premier to America is now the dominant topic of all political circles, and, unlike the discussion in Great Britain, there is no objection raised to his going. The Chamber of Deputies before adjourning apparently approving of the plan. The Chamber after its recess will have to take up the grave problem of French finances, including budget questions, and it is not unlikely that the minority in the Chamber opposed to the Government will raise objection if the suggestion of Briand's journey becomes official.

The conference itself, however, is beginning to be subjected to critical examination by certain parts of the French press. "St. Brice" in the *Journal* this morning extends a warning to America not to be too much beguiled by the acceptance by the Powers, and expressing fear that the Pacific problem may arouse passions now dormant.

The *Journal* sees the whole conference as a scheme of British origin, although theoretically it owes its paternity to America. "It has been fostered by England as a means of liquidating the Anglo-Japanese agreement," the article says. The *Journal* sees as other objects of the conference the British desire to limit armaments as a sole means of preserving the British hegemony, and secondly to bring the United States into the international family and tie it up to British combinations.

"British cleverness is shown in giving to the Americans the illusion that they are directing world affairs," the article states. "Is it, however, too late to ask our transatlantic friends to consider well the end of the road they have started to travel? The real problems of the Pacific cannot be solved in the conference room and disarmament is the greatest delusion of to-day. Imagine France disarming in the face of 60,000,000 Germans. How dangerous it is then to foster such chimeras!"

## Taft's FIRST ACT.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Chief Justice Taft performed to-day his first official act as head of the nation's judiciary, granting a petition for a writ of error bringing before the Supreme Court a case involving a party wall in the District of Columbia.

## PRIZE PIG STUFFED.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 10.—What is said to be the largest pig ever raised in West Virginia has been mounted and is now on display in the exhibition hall of the Department of Agriculture here. The pig before it was stuffed, was 48 inches high, 84 inches long and weighed 1,001 pounds, according to its owner, S. S. Ball of Ravenswood.

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